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3. Eberswalde (U83), 30 June 1949

a. A barracks located 2 1/2 km southeast of the town on the road to Trespe (U83) is held by 600 recruits led by a major. There are also a few supply troops. Garages were open and empty on date of observation. According to local workers, the barracks were occupied by approximately 4,000 men up to the end of May, when they departed for a training area west of Templin (U81). One worker estimates the strength of these troops at one armored regiment, one artillery regiment, one motorized rifle regiment, and a mortar company. Most of the troops wore Guards insignia.

b. Training of recruits with three 57 mm AT guns was observed near the barracks.

c. A large vehicle repair shop in the barracks area was working on cars in the [REDACTED] One vehicle in [REDACTED] was seen entering the training area near Templin on 2 July.

2. Zehdenick Forest (U70), 2-3 July 1949

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a. [REDACTED] in the Schorfheide area (U80), [REDACTED] from Gross Schönebeck (Z89) through Grossdölln (U80) to Zehdenick (U70) but found no evidence of occupation. First controls were set immediately north of Zehdenick, apparently aimed at ringing the Zehdenick woods. This area runs from Kolonia Neuhoef (U70) northwest to Ringsleben (U70) and Dammwalde (U61), northeast to Neu Forstow (U71) and Höddelin (U81), south to Hauensepring (U81), southwest to Vogalsang (U70), back to Neuhoef.

b. The area is not fenced but is off limits to Germans. It is surrounded by a strong chain of sentries consisting of fixed guard posts hidden in the woods, roving foot patrols, and motorized patrols.

c. Sole activity observed consisted of trucks entering the area loaded with building material, boards, barracks parts, well-driving machinery, and beds. An employee of a Templin transport company reports that it had to provide eighty trucks of three tons and up for military use. Several diesels from the Losen area were seen among this truck traffic.

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d. Local workers [Redacted]: Troop strength is 30,000-35,000 men, the armored and artillery troops being located in temporary quarters north and south of a new tank range being built long the Vogelsang-Bargwall road (W70) and running northeast. The range is to be one kilometer wide and 12-14 kilometers long. Timber in this area has been cut and will be used for barracks and observation towers. There are about 1,000 tanks in the area, including 200 JS-1 and JS-2 and 100 JS-3. All materiel is camouflaged against air observation. Troops are restricted to the area.

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